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INDIANA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP

Based on conditions September 1, Indiana's 2006 corn production is forecast at 893.5 million bushels. If realized, this would be up 1 percent from the 888.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 167 bushels per acre is unchanged from the August forecast, but up 13 bushels from the 2005 yield per acre of 154 bushels per acre. The 5.35 million acres for harvest is 7 percent below the acreage harvested last year, but unchanged from the August estimate. As of September 3, corn condition was rated 71 percent good to excellent.

Soybean production is forecast at 284.0 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 263.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 50 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from the August forecast and is 1 bushel above last year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.68 million acres, is up 6 percent from 2005, but unchanged from the August estimate. As of September 3, soybean condition was rated 73 percent good to excellent.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.1 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and fractionally above 2005. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from August and 6.8 bushels from last year. If realized, yield and production would be the second largest on record, behind 2004. Forecast yields are higher than August across the northern Great Plains and western Corn Belt as moderate to heavy precipitation during the month improved soil moisture levels and crop conditions. Expected yields across the eastern Corn Belt are unchanged from last month. Farmers expect to harvest 71.8 million acres of corn for grain, down 250,000 acres from August and down 4 percent from 2005.

National soybean production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 6 percent from the August forecast and up slightly from the 2005 crop. If realized, this would be the second highest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from August but down 1.5 bushels from last year's record high yield. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher across the Corn Belt and most of the northern and central Great Plains. Near or above normal moisture in those areas during August improved crop conditions. In contrast, yields are down or unchanged from the August 1 forecast across the Gulf Coast States and Atlantic Coast States, with the exception of South Carolina.

ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2005 - 2006

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Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		To	1	Unit	
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	2005	2006	06/05] """
	<u>Thousands</u>		Percent			Thousands		Percent	
<u>Indiana</u>									
Corn for Grain	5,770	5,350	93	154	167	888,580	893,450	101	Bu
Soybeans	5,380	5,680	106	49	50	263,620	284,000	108	Bu
Winter Wheat 1/	340	450	132	72	71	24,480	31,950	131	Bu
Alfalfa Hay 1/	340	360	106	3.80	4.10	1,292	1,476	114	Tons
Other Hay 1/	310	290	94	2.50	2.80	775	812	105	Tons
Apples 1/						50,000	57,000	114	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	75,107	71,841	96	147.9	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766	100	Bu
Soybeans	71,361	73,935	104	43.3	41.8	3,086,432	3,092,970	100	Bu
Winter Wheat 1/	33,794	31,108	92	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134	86	Bu
Oats <u>1</u> /	1,823	1,907	105	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423	94	Bu
Alfalfa Hay 1/	22,389	22,407	100	3.38	3.18	75,771	71,205	94	Tons
Other Hay 1/	39,260	40,290	103	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121	95	Tons
Tobacco	298.1	334.2	112	2,171	2,224	647,278	743,098	115	Lbs
Apples 1/						9,864,900	9,619,700	98	Lbs

^{1/} August 1 forecast carried forward.